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"The LA Riots and other Korean American Experiences for Korea's Understanding of America"

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Edward T. Chang is professor of ethnic studies and former director of the Center for Asian Pacific America (CAPA) at the University of California, Riverside. He earned his Ph.D. (1990) in Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley in 1990.

Chang's research interests include Korean American-African American relations, Asian-Latino relations, immigration, and race relations theory. His past work has focused on the topics of Korean-African American relations and civil unrest in Los Angeles, as well as on the impact of the Los Angeles riots on the Korean American community.

Chang served as a field reporter and consultant for a PBS *Frontline* special program, "LA is Burning: Five Reports from a Divided City." His continued research on peace building in interethnic communities has included crisis management programs in urban neighborhoods.

Chang is the author of several books including *Ethnic Peace in the American City: Community Building in Los Angeles and Beyond* (New York University Press, 1999) with Jeannette Diaz-Veizades. He has also written *Following the Footsteps of Korean Americans* and *Who African Americans Are*. He is a regular contributor to the Los Angeles Times, commenting on issues related to interethnic relations and the Korean

American community.

In 2000, Chang received a \$200,000 research grant from the Korea Foundation for "Modern Korean History and the Globalization of Korea in the 21st Century." This project focused on relations between Korea and Japan during World War II.

Chang is currently working on "The Life of Young Oak Kim: A Profile of Courage." His research explores the life of a pioneer humanitarian activist and war hero of both World War II and the Korean War.

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